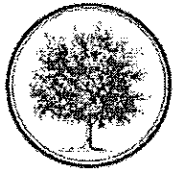


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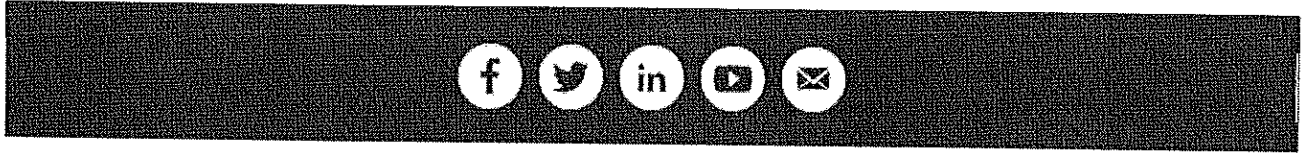
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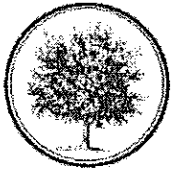
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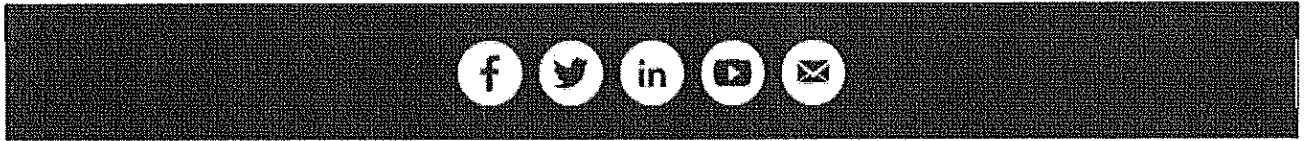
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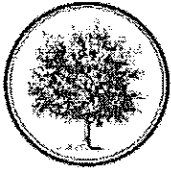
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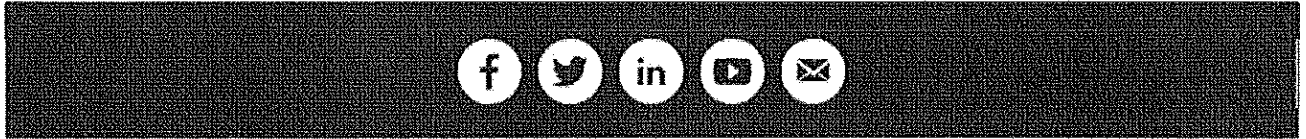
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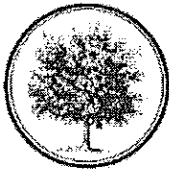
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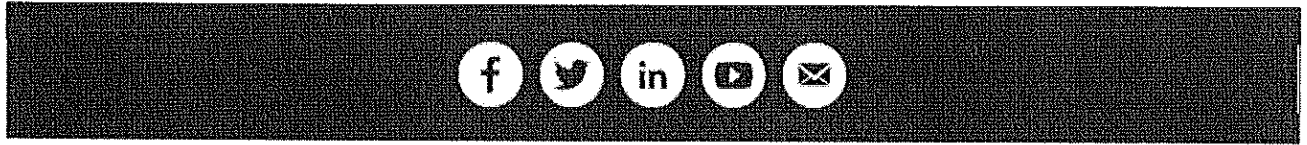
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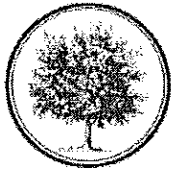
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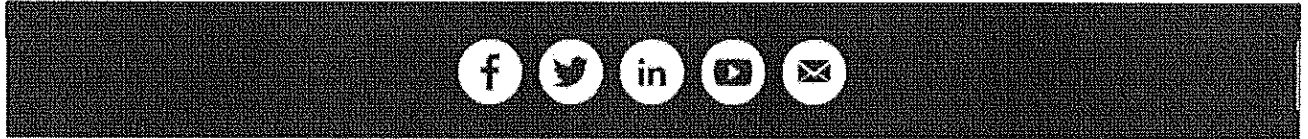
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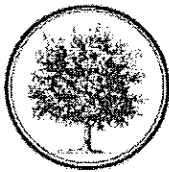
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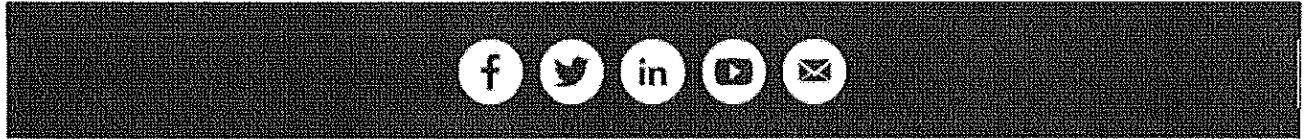
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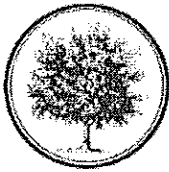
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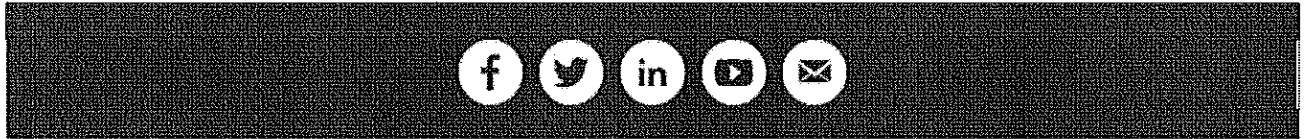
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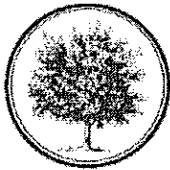
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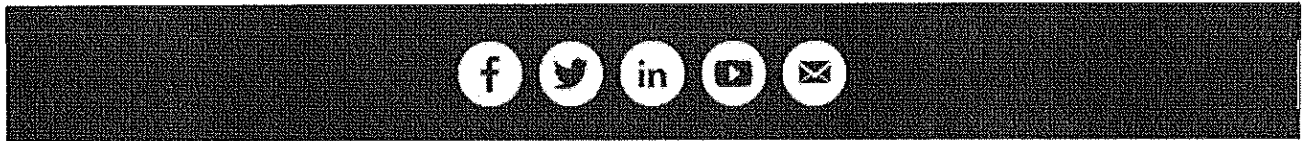
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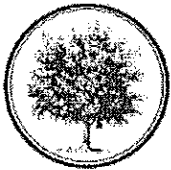
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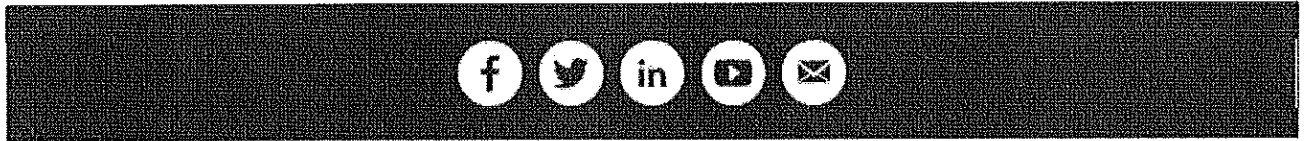
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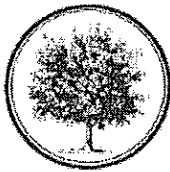
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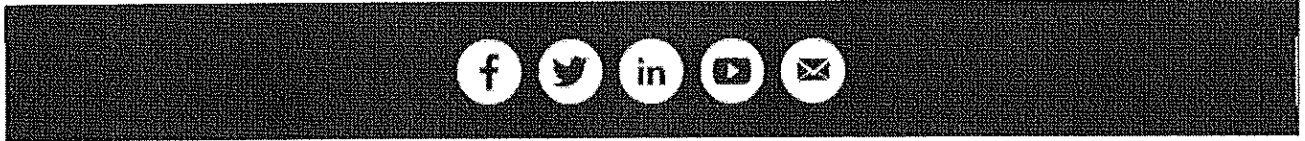
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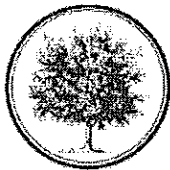
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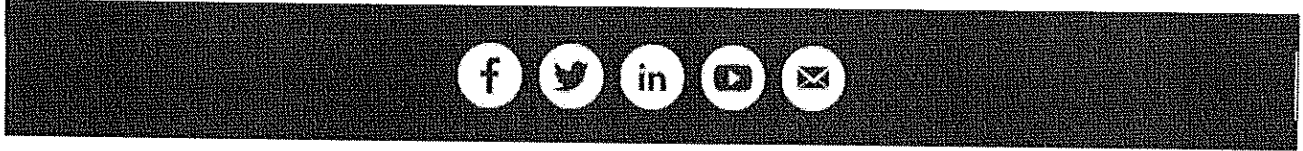
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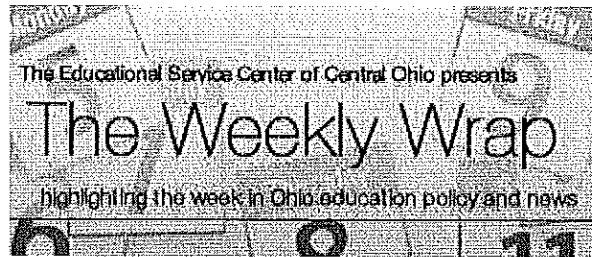
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Property Taxes to Rise 2 Percent on Average in Franklin County – Columbus Dispatch

- Franklin County homeowners will pay about 2 percent more in property taxes next year based on appraisal estimates released Monday by county Auditor Clarence Mingo

Disparate Districts Put Heads Together – This Week

- The Grandview Heights, Hilliard and South-Western school districts are partnering with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio to present the Big Think, a two-day conference for teachers and administrators

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus Students Embrace Summer School in the Great Outdoors – Columbus Dispatch

- This year, the program served 300 children preparing to enter first grade, but it could expand to other grades in future years. The children are in summer school for a number of reasons, including gifted programming, a need for extra academic support and their parents lack summer child care

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Dublin School District Outlines Draft of Safety Action Plan

- Dublin City School District Superintendent Todd Hoadley on June 13 introduced a draft of a student safety action plan being considered by the

Dublin Board of Education with input from district administration, staff, community members and experts

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison's New Scoreboard Was Once Highway Billboard – This Week

- What was once a roadside billboard will have a new life this fall as a digital scoreboard for the Groveport Madison High School football field

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Culture and People Make District Special – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that what makes Hilliard a special place is their culture and people

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Local Schools Announce Plans for Reduced-Priced Meals – Newark Advocate

- Southwest Licking Local Schools and Licking Heights Local Schools recently revealed their 2017-2018 program-year policies for free- and reduced-price meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

1.25-Mill Permanent-Improvements Levy Looks Likely – This Week

- New Albany-Plain Local school board members appear to be considering a permanent-improvements levy request of 1.25 to 1.5 mills

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Northridge Attempts Another Levy in November – Newark Advocate

- Northridge Local Schools is headed back to the ballot in November in a third attempt to pass a levy

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

High Schoolers' Early Wake-Up Calls Persist – This Week

- A group of parents has been pushing district officials for the past few years to start classes later in the morning for middle school and high school students. Th district announced earlier this month it has no current plans to adopt a new schedule to achieve that goal

Olentangy Schools Won't Change Start Times – Delaware Gazette

- The Olentangy Local School District has hit the snooze button on any potential plans to start middle and high school classes later in the day

Olentangy Expects Performance Score Increase on State Report Card – Delaware Gazette

- The Olentangy Local School District expects an increase of its performance index score on the state's report card for the 2016-2017 academic year, according to preliminary estimates

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Reynoldsburg School Board, Teachers Agree on Tentative Contract – This Week

- No details are yet available, but the Reynoldsburg school board and the Reynoldsburg Education Association say they have reached tentative agreement on a new teachers contract, after only four days of negotiations

REA Contract Vote Set for July 26 – This Week

- The Reynoldsburg Education Association is expected to vote July 26 on a new contract with the school district -- a pact reached after only four days of negotiatin and well ahead of the July 31 expiration of the current contract

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

District Ready for What State Budget Has in Store – This Week South-Western Subject Matter

- Hugh Garside, treasurer/chief fiscal officer of the South-Western City Schools, writes that it goes without saying that the district would benefit from the additional funds if the funding cap were to be removed, however, the district anticipated that the cap would remain in effect and budgeted accordingly

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

DeMaria Calls for Individualized Student Support, End of 'Blame Game' – Hannah

- Praise for Ohio's education system was followed by a realistic description of its many challenges in remarks delivered by State Superintendent for Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria at Friday's meeting of the City Club of Cleveland

School Board to Broadcast Meetings – Hannah

- The State Board of Education's business meetings could be available for live viewing as early as September after the board voted last week to authorize the Ohio Channel to provide coverage

Ohio Schools Superintendent Weighs In on Voucher Program Modification – WKSU

- A proposal in state Senate that would modify Ohio's voucher program is getting a qualified endorsement from the superintendent of the state's schools

Ohio Expands Options for Students to Earn More Industry-Recognized Credentials – ODE

- Ohio's high school students now have 49 more industry-recognized credentials at their fingertips, thanks to the input of companies and industries throughout the state

Senior Only Credential Program – ODE

- Districts and schools have great flexibility in creating a Senior Only Credential Program for students. It allows a district or school to schedule instructional time solely for the student to earn an industry-recognized credential

Important Deadlines for Purple Star Schools – ODE

- The Purple Star School award, for military-friendly schools, honors buildings that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's Armed Forces

Data Appeal Window Now Open for Early Learning, Child Outcome Summary and OELPA Assessment Data – ODE

- From July 17 through July 26, superintendents of traditional districts, community schools, STEM districts and educational service centers (ESC) can review early learning, child outcome summary and Ohio English language proficiency (OELPA) assessment data reported in EMIS during the 2016-2017 school year

State Social Studies for Grades 4 and 6 Eliminated – ODE

- The recently passed budget bill immediately eliminates Ohio's State Tests in social studies for grades 4 and 6. The bill also requires that each district or school teach and assess social studies in at least the fourth and sixth grades

Coaches May Now Take New Required Training through LMS – ODE

- To help public and nonpublic schools fulfill annual requirements included in the new Sudden Cardiac Arrest Law (also known as Lindsay's Law), the Ohio Department of Education added resources to its Learning Management System (LMS), including an Ohio Department of Health video and fact sheet

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Deadlines – ODE

- The KReady online system opens for KRA administration for select districts that begin school before Aug. 14. The KReady online system opens for KRA and Kindergarten Field Test 2017 administration on Aug. 1

The ABCs of College Credit Plus – ODHE

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Easing of Ohio High School Graduation Rules Is Now Law – But Questions Remain – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Changes to state graduation requirements that ease the way for the class of 2018 are now official, but a few sticky questions remain

Senate to Consider Veto Overrides Following Summer Recess – Hannah

- The Senate will consider overrides to Gov. John Kasich's veto items in the enacted two-year budget as part of the "normal course of business," according to Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) Wednesday

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Big Money, Big Policy Decisions at Stake in Ongoing ECOT Fight – Columbus Dispatch

- The fight between the state's largest charter school, the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, and the state over how to calculate the online school's enrollment for state funding purposes has been ongoing for more than a year, involving lots of courts, legal arguments, TV ads, and behind-the-scenes Statehouse lobbying

Freer Educational Service Center Rules Pose Questions for Board Elections – Hannah

- Secretary of State Jon Husted's office is seeking guidance from the attorney general on how the shifting affiliations of school districts to educational service centers (ESCs) affect who stands for election to ESC boards

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Teach Toledo Program Aids Push for Diversity among Public School Teachers – Toledo Blade

- When it comes to hiring black teachers, Toledo Public Schools is a statewide leader. That doesn't mean TPS is doing well; it's just that Ohio as a whole is doing abysmally. But a new partnership between TPS and the University of Toledo should help

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Ohio Postsecondary

Report Finds More Ohio College Students Receiving Sexual Assault Prevention Training – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) released its second annual report on efforts to change campus culture surrounding sexual violence, finding more college students in the Buckeye State are getting education on prevention and intervention

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House Members Cast a Critical Eye on ESSA Oversight – EdWeek

- Republican and Democratic lawmakers had a clear message this week for U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos: We're watching you very closely as you deal with the Every Student Succeeds Act

Every Student Succeeds Act: Early Observations on State Changes to Accountability Systems – US Government Accountability Office

- Representatives of all nine national stakeholder groups we spoke with saw ESSA's accountability provisions as somewhat flexible, with most indicating that ESSA strikes a good balance between flexibility and requirements

Bill with More Than \$2 Billion in Teacher Training Cuts Advances in House – EdWeek

- Lawmakers in charge of the U.S. Department of Education's budget voted Wednesday to advance a funding bill that cuts \$2.4 billion from the agency's budget, with most of that reduction coming through the elimination of a major program focused on teachers

Four K-12 issues to Watch in Healthcare Overhaul – EdWeek

- What are the major issues at stake for K-12 educators, and how do these two GOP bills—the Senate's "Better Care Reconciliation Act" and the House's "American Health Care Act"—differ from the law now in effect?

Remarks from Secretary DeVos to American Legislative Exchange Council - USDOE

Issue Brief: Case Management in High Schools – USDOE

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Status and Trends in the Education of Racial and Ethnic Groups 2017 – USDOE/IES/NCES

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Education Policy & Finance

Why More States Are Getting Serious about Sunscreen – Pew Charitable Trusts Stateline

- In the past four months, Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, Utah and Washington have enacted laws declaring students may use sunscreen in school and at after-school activities, no doctor's note required

Why Americans Think So Poorly of the Country's Schools – The Atlantic

- Are public schools generally meeting Americans' expectations? Or are they teetering on the brink of failure?

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Teacher Effectiveness

Principals Are Loath to Give Teachers Bad Ratings – EdWeek

- Principals continue to rate nearly all teachers as “effective,” despite states’ efforts in recent years to make evaluations tougher, two new studies show

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School Choice

Choosing Schools and Choosing Content – MDRC

- In the high school choice process, some form of career and technical education (CTE) is likely to arise as an option. Programs have cropped up in schools of all types across the nation. No longer simply a stand-alone vocational class, CTE now encompasses a range of programs, course offerings, and meaningful career-focused experiences

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Achievement Gaps

Multiracial Adolescents Show No Test Score Gap with Whites – Brookings

- Despite the growing number of multiracial students, almost no attention has been given to their educational outcomes. But gaining a better understanding of how multiracial students perform may cast useful light on the causes of race gaps more generally

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Some Schools Much Better than Others at Closing Achievement Gaps Between Their Advantaged and Disadvantaged Students – Brookings

- Recent research demonstrates that the test score gap between relatively advantaged and relatively disadvantaged students is much higher in some

school districts than it is in other districts. But measured school quality often varies dramatically within a school district, and therefore it is important to know whether individual schools differ in the relative success of advantaged and disadvantaged students. We make use of detailed, linked birth and school records in Florida to investigate the degree to which this is true

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What Should Special Education Teachers Know and Be Able to Do? – EdWeek

- These skills are among 22 "high-leverage practices" for special education teachers that were developed by the Council for Exceptional Children and the federally-supported Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform, also known as CEEDAR

High-Leverage Practices in Special Education = 2 Council for Exceptional Children/CEEDAR Center

- In partnership with the Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform (CEEDAR), the Council for Exceptional Children has developed and published a set of High Leverage Practices (HLPs) for special educators and teacher candidates. The HLPs are organized around four aspects of practice: •Collaboration •Assessment
•Social/emotional/behavioral •Instruction

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Mental Health & Wellness

Social-Emotional-Learning Researchers Seek Educator Input – EdWeek

- The national commission, made up of current and former leaders from the worlds of education, policy, government, and business, has an ambitious agenda to try to define commonalities in the emerging and overlapping fields of social-emotional learning, deeper learning, mindsets, and student engagement

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Rethinking Consumer Information in Higher Education – Urban Institute

- Providing better information on college quality to potential students and their families has been a major focus of bipartisan higher education policy efforts. In late 2015, the Obama administration augmented its College Scorecard to include earnings information for most colleges in the country. Several states have also published their own data on graduates' labor market outcomes, including average earnings and typical employment rates. But there is little evidence on how these new outcome-based data affect student decisionmaking and the broader market for higher education

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AP Computer Science Exam Takers Double; Here's Why – USA Today

- Female, black and Latino student participation in Advanced Placement computer science exams has more than doubled in the past year, helped by the introduction of an AP course designed to introduce principles, according to a new report

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission
STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate
STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to

use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals
STATUS: Introduced

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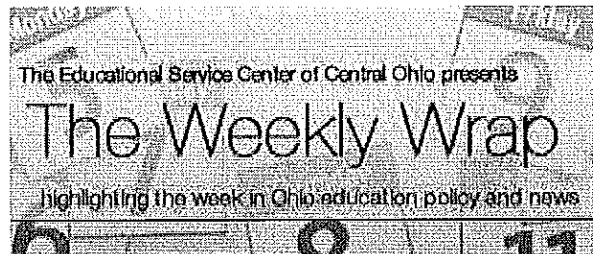
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ODE PARTNERS WITH STAFFING FIRM TO HELP STUDENTS

– The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) announced a Memorandum of Understanding with The Adecco Group to partner with the state in on-the-job training efforts for students. The company currently partners with Kentucky's Department of Education and area businesses on a program geared at developing the state's talent pool. In its third year, 96 percent of students who have completed the program have gone on to continue their education, extend their time in the program or receive a full-time job offer. Companies are encouraged to reach out to The Adecco Group if they are interested in offering work-based learning opportunities or enhancing their current training programs.

ODE Hopes Staffing Firm Can Help Connect Education, Businesses – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education announced a new effort Tuesday with global staffing firm Adecco Group to help students get work experience and businesses find talent while easing concerns about the practical challenges of bringing teenagers into plants and offices

The Adecco Group Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Ohio Department of Education – ODE

- The Adecco Group, the world's leading provider of workforce solutions, today announced a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Department of Education, becoming a partner with the state in on-the-job training efforts aimed at strengthening Ohio's labor market

SPEAKER'S TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION & POVERTY

MEETS *– The Ohio Speaker of the House Cliff Rosenberger's Task Force on Education and Poverty met for the first time this week, led by Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima). The meeting highlighted many of the challenges those in poverty face as well as some common efforts that have been used to address achievement gaps. Some of the efforts mentioned were smaller class sizes, student motivation, teacher quality, preschool, wraparound services and more. The end goal is both to generate information that will be useful to members of the General Assembly in their deliberations on education policy and to derive some practicable and proven-effective strategies from this effort that can be supported and enhanced by legislative and state policy.*

Cupp Announces Members of Task Force on Education, Poverty – Hannah

- Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima), chairman of the Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty, Tuesday announced the list of individuals who will be serving on the panel

Legislator-Led Panel Examines Difficulty of Educating Poor Youths – Columbus Dispatch

- One of the most pervasive and difficult-to-solve problems in education is how to get better academic results from children in low-income households

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Central Ohio Schools

Commissioners Send Developmental Disabilities Levy to the Fall Ballot – Columbus Dispatch

- Franklin County voters will decide this fall whether to continue a property tax that supports the Developmental Disabilities Board

CMC Forum, United Way Report Focuses on Improving Social Fabric – Hannah

- The latest United Way Champion of Children report examines strengthening relationships to foster better communities and help children grow in a healthier environment, leading to a discussion at the Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) on how to foster better social interactions with youth

2017 Champion of Children Report: Strengthening Social Fabric – United Way of Central Ohio/OSU Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity/Community Research Partners

- United Way of Central Ohio has determined that, in order to tackle the issues that matter most in reducing poverty, it is critical to focus efforts in local neighborhoods of great need, and great potential. Champion of Children embraces this neighborhood work as well, to ensure children are linked to resources and surrounded by strong support systems that help them reach their full potential

Franklin County Auditor's Report: Booming Market Fuels Property-Value Increase – This Week

- Franklin County homeowners will pay on average about 2 percent more in property taxes next year based on appraisal estimates released July 17 by county Auditor Clarence Mingo

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Bexley in Line for More Dollars Based on Enrollment – This Week

- Due to an enrollment increase over the past three school years, the Bexley City School District stands to gain an additional \$205,743 in state funding in fiscal year 2018 over 2017, according to district Treasurer Kyle Smith

CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOLS

Student Interns Get Computers Ready for Class – This Week

- Even though Chrome Depot isn't yet officially open at Canal Winchester High School, six students already are using their technology skills to help the district prepare nearly 2,000 Chromebooks for the start of classes in August

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

City Schools Eye County Districts as STEAM Partners – Chillicothe Gazette

- While the Chillicothe City Schools moves into final planning for its first year offering a STEAM Academy to students, district leadership is looking toward a future in which it hopes to partner with other county schools to provide the best STEAM experience possible

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

Delaware Area Career Center Going Back to Ballot – Columbus Dispatch

- About 1,000 voters shut out of a November, 2015, ballot issue for the Delaware Area Career Center, will be given the chance to cast a ballot in November thanks to Ohio lawmakers who passed a bill to fix the problem

Delaware County Plans to Consolidate Offices at Career Center Site – Columbus Dispatch

- Delaware County wants to consolidate many of its offices to better assist developers who fuel current and future growth in the area. At the same time, some of its own office space has become cramped and outdated

County Buys DACC North Campus – Delaware Gazette

- Delaware County Commissioners approved a contract to purchase the Delaware Area Career Center North Campus for \$1.7 million

DACC Levy Will Return; County Will Buy North Campus – This Week

- After months of uncertainty regarding an invalidated levy attempt and a stalled consolidation project, the future appears much clearer for the Delaware Area Career Center

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

More Class-Size Capping Is on the Horizon – This Week

- As new students continue to enroll over summer break, Dublin City School District officials are likely to cap additional classes as enrollment statistics are updated

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Chromebooks to Foster Connection in Education – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools will have technology in the hands of every student this school year via a Chromebook

G-J to Vote on New Job for Elliott – This Week

- Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools' Jill Elliott is in line to change roles this school year, from coordinator of assessment and accountability to assistant superintendent

Cost of School Breakfasts, Lunches to Rise This Year – This Week

- A school lunch will cost an extra dime and breakfast an extra nickel for the 2017-18 school year in the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

New Assistant Principal Will Help with Evaluations – This Week

- The Grandview Heights City School District has added an administrator to its staff. Shawn Hinkle begins Aug. 1 as the district's assistant principal for grades 6-12

Property Values Jump; Impact Mixed for District – This Week

- The estimated increase in average residential property values announced this month by Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo was eye-popping to some Grandview Heights residents

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

Marysville School Board Extends Contract with Teachers Union – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The Marysville Board of Education and the Marysville Education Association (MEA) have agreed to a revision and one-year extension of the teachers' union= 2s contract

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

School Board Approves OAPSE Contract – This Week

- The New Albany-Plain Local school board on July 24 approved a three-year contract for employees in the Ohio Association of Public School Employees

School Board Postpones Decision on Permanent-Improvement Levy – This Week

- The school board voted unanimously July 24 to table a request for a 1.25 mill, five-year permanent-improvements levy on the November ballot

Sustainable Budget Serves Students, Saves Taxpayers – This Week Eagle Eye on Education

- Michael Sawyers, superintendent of the New Albany-Plain Local Schools, writes that district leaders' focus on infusing a "students first" mantra into daily practices and culture applies to budget practices, tightening their belts and living within their means, all while improving academic achievement for students

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Ongoing School Maintenance Takes Money, Time – This Week

- With all 13 new elementary schools open, as well as the new Franklin Heights High School building, and two other elementary schools renovated, the district is now able to concentrate its attention on capital-improvement projects at other buildings, said Mark Waller, property-services coordinator

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Document with House Bill 410 Guidance and FAQs Released – ODE

- Districts must amend or adopt policies that outline their interventions and plans for students with excessive absences. The legislation emphasizes parent engagement and accountability as part of a student's absence intervention plan. A document with House Bill 410 guidance and FAQs can be found [here](#)

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Dropout Prevention School Assessments: Data Review and Data Appeal Windows Now Open – ODE

- From July 24 through Aug. 2, superintendents of dropout prevention and recovery community schools can complete required reviews of their 2017 fall and spring assessment collections in EMIS

Register Now for Gifted Education Regional Meetings

- The Office for Exceptional Children is hosting regional meetings for district administrators responsible for gifted education programming

New District Resource about Home Education – ODE

- Parents who are educating their children at home must submit annual notifications to the superintendent of the family's district of residence. See guidance here about a superintendent's responsibilities for reviewing and responding to the parent's notification

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Ohio's ESSA Reboot: State School Leaders Make Big Pivot after Outcry over Testing Requirements – The 74

- When the Ohio Department of Education set out to construct its new education plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act, the process was billed as a fresh start for schools burdened by the strict mandates of No Child Left Behind. The department would solicit maximum public input, using its newly granted autonomy to align statewide accountability measures with the preferences of families and educators. But when the first draft arrived in January, many of the purported beneficiaries didn't quite see it that way

Cupp Announces Members of Task Force on Education, Poverty – Hannah

- Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima), chairman of the Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty, Tuesday announced the list of individuals who will be serving on the panel

Legislator-Led Panel Examines Difficulty of Educating Poor Youths – Columbus Dispatch

- One of the most pervasive and difficult-to-solve problems in education is how to get better academic results from children in low-income households

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U.S. Children Gain Ground in Home Supports, Federal Data Show – EdWeek

- While child lead-poisoning problems have spurred concerns nationwide, new data from 23 federal agencies that work with children suggests children's physical environments have become healthier and their homes more supportive, but both still show room for improvement

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NAACP Calls for End to For-Profit Charter Schools – Baltimore Sun

- The NAACP is calling for tighter restrictions on charter schools and the elimination of for-profit charters as part of a broad array of actions leaders want to be taken on the local and national level to improve public education for children of color

Meaningful Local Engagement under ESSA: A handbook for LEA and School Leaders – Partners for Each and Every Child

- As state ESSA plans are well underway and being submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, CCSSO and Partners for— with the support of Education First, national organizations, and local leaders—have developed this Handbook to assist LEA and school leaders as they engage stakeholders to effectively implement ESSA at the local level

Rating the Ratings: Analyzing the First 17 ESSA Accountability Plans – Fordham Institute

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) grants states more authority over their school accountability systems than did No Child Left Behind (NCLB)— meaning that states now have a greater opportunity to design improved school ratings. Rating the Ratings: Analyzing the First 17 ESSA Accountability Plans examines whether states are making the most of the moment

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Unrealized Impact: The Case for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Chan Zuckerberg Initiative/Schusterman Family Foundation/New Schools Venture Fund/Raikes Foundation/Walton Family Foundation

- Unrealized Impact is a groundbreaking study of staff experience, workplace practices, and demographics across the education sector. That research is now complete, and we are excited to release the findings. Our strong hope is that this study inspires our colleagues within education organizations of all types to recognize diversity, equity, and inclusion as a source of unrealized impact and commit to progress as an organizational imperative

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School Safety & Discipline

Study Links Culture to Seclusion, Restraint – EdWeek

- An analysis looking at rates of restraint and seclusion of those with disabilities in American schools across two years finds that most districts rarely employ these practices while a small group of districts report “exceedingly high rates”

Crime, Violence, Discipline, and Safety in U.S. Public Schools: Findings From the School Survey on Crime and Safety: 2015-16 – USDOE/IES/NCES

- The National Center for Education Statistics collects data on crime and violence in U.S. public schools through the School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS). This First Look report presents findings from the 2015–16 School Survey on Crime and Safety data collection

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Study Looks at Link between Readiness, Post-Recession Rise in Poverty – EdWeek

- A new study finds more children are living in high-poverty neighborhoods following the Great Recession—and that has implications for school readiness

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Postsecondary

Good Jobs that Pay without a BA – Georgetown University Center on Education & the Workforce/JP Morgan Chase

- Although the decline in the manufacturing economy eliminated many good jobs for high school graduates, there are still 30 million good jobs in the U.S. that pay well without a BA. These good jobs have median earnings of \$55,000 and are changing from traditional blue-collar industries to skilled-services industries

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting

system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21 COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37 SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87 COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccheri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type
STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's

cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Introduced

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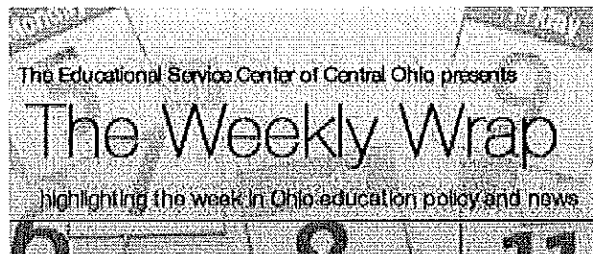
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FEATURED ITEMS

ODE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR UPDATES – *The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released updates this week regarding several policy and program changes. The Department has restructured the Ohio Resident Educator Program including its summative assessment, cutting it by 75 percent. ODE also has provided additional information regarding the alternative graduation options available for the Class of 2018 and things to know regarding educator evaluation for the 2017-18 school year. See below for more details.*

Ohio Resident Educator Program and Summative Assessment Restructured – ODE

- As a result of feedback from educators throughout Ohio as well as an advisory group, the Department is restructuring the Ohio Resident Educator Program, including the program's summative assessment

Two Additional Graduation Options Available for the Class of 2018 Only – ODE

- Students in the class of 2018 who entered grade 9 after July 1, 2014, are the first to earn diplomas under the new graduation requirements. In addition to satisfying the high school curriculum requirements, students in Ohio must meet one of three existing pathways to earn a high school diploma. Information about the three pathways to graduation can be found [here](#)

Ten Things You Need to Know about Educator Evaluation for 2017-18 – ODE

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BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

District Prepares to Welcome Miller, Students – This Week

- Leading up to the start of the 2017-18 school year, the community will have several opportunities to meet face to face with new Bexley City School District Superintendent Kimberly Miller

Group Pursues Improvements in Special Education – This Week

- Members of a new parent group say they want to work with the Bexley Board of Education and district administrators to improve special-education services for students

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

BW School District News – Sunbury News

- Matthew Cox will be the new principal at Hylan Souders Elementary School

CANAL WINCHETSER LOCAL SCHOOLS

CW Students Return to School on Staggered Schedule – This Week

- A preliminary headcount shows 3,770 Canal Winchester students are enrolled for the 2017-18 school year -- up by more than 50 students from last year. All of them will be heading back to class soon, but not on the same day

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

More than 800 Columbus 3rd Graders Haven't Passed Reading Test – Columbus Dispatch

- With three weeks to go until the start of school, Columbus City Schools still has more than 800 third-graders who haven't gotten the state reading test scores they need to advance to the fourth grade — that's more than twice as many students as last year

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

County Will Fill Soon-to-Be Empty DACC Campus – This Week

- Delaware County plans to create a "one-stop shop" for business owners, developers and residents just east of the city of Delaware after agreeing to buy the Delaware Area Career Center's north campus

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Property Value Hikes Have Negligible Effect on Schools – This Week District Notebook

- Beth Collier, treasurer of Grandview Heights City Schools, writes that their school district takes great pride in managing taxpayer dollars efficiently, and they believe residents receive an excellent return on their investment in their schools

Orientation Quells Freshmen's First Day Jitters – This Week

- Grandview Heights middle schoolers attend classes in a building next to the high school -- but the transition to ninth grade still can be daunting

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

New Albany Awaits Decision on Bringing Massive Data Center to Licking County – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local School District would receive about \$500,000 annually during the tax abatement period, according to the city

Licking Heights Student Aides Help Peers Get Back in Game – Pataskala Standard

- The Licking Heights junior is not participating in any sports this fall, but her day started at 7 a.m. Monday just as it did for the Heights football players. Thompson is one of athletic trainer Eric Bortmas' student aides, and she will be at every football practice, scrimmage and game for the next three months

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Board Approves OAPSE Contract – This Week

- The New Albany-Plain Local school board on July 24 approved a three-year contract for employees in the the Ohio Association of Public School Employees

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

New Reynoldsburg Teachers Contract Avoids Strike, Rancor of 2014 – Columbus Dispatch

- Nearly three years after a contentious, weeks-long teachers strike in the Reynoldsburg City Schools, everything about this year's contract negotiation has been different

Board Sets Aug. 4 Vote on Pact with REA – This Week

- The Reynoldsburg Board of Education will officially welcome new superintendent Melvin Brown at an open house from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, at the central office, 7244 E. Main St. -- and will follow that immediately with a special meeting to vote on a new contract with district teachers

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Schools Busy with Orientation, Welcome Activities – This Week

- The Westerville City School District is playing host to several events in preparation for the new school year, which begins Aug. 17

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

Whitehall to Group Youngest Students at One School to Learn to Read – Columbus Dispatch

- Come Aug. 16, all Whitehall students in pre-kindergarten through first grade will attend one spiffed-up, unified campus at 4750 Kae Ave. that will be focused on teaching them to read

Open House Shows Off Newly United Schools – This Week

- To help kindergarten students and families acclimate, Kae Avenue Elementary School will hold an open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Ohio Resident Educator Program and Summative Assessment Restructured – ODE

- As a result of feedback from educators throughout Ohio as well as an advisory group, the Department is restructuring the Ohio Resident Educator Program, including the program's summative assessment

Ohio Job-Training, Apprenticeship Programs in Adecco Partnership with State – Columbus Dispatch

- Job-placement company Adecco has joined the state to create customized on-the-job training programs for businesses. The new partnership follows last year's pledge by Adecco to make possible 10,000 work-based learning opportunities by 2020, with an emphasis on apprenticeships

ODE Releases Guidance for Law Overhauling Truancy Policies – Hannah

- Schools will face new requirements this fall for how to intervene when students miss too much school, and the Ohio Department of Education recently released a guidance and frequently-asked-questions document to help schools with the change

Research Paper Backs Universal College Exam Policy Ohio Uses – Hannah

- A recent study from a University of Connecticut researcher finds positive effects on college attainment from policies like Ohio's that administer and pay for college entrance exams for all high school students

Data Review and Appeals Window Open for 2017 Student and Assessment Data – ODE

- Beginning Monday, July 31 through Tuesday, Aug. 8, superintendents may conduct the required review of their student and assessment data submitted in EMIS. These data will not only affect many measures on the 2017 Ohio School Report Cards, but also will impact the amount of state funding received by the district

Set-Up Begins Aug. 2 for Electronic Teacher and Principal Evaluation System (eTPES) – ODE

- We ask that superintendents and superintendent designees who are new to their districts ensure that their role designations and email addresses are

current in the Ohio Educational Directory System (OEDS) by Friday, Aug. 4. These individuals will receive an email message with login information during the week of Aug. 7

Submit Your Selection of SAT or ACT for Graduation Option from Aug. 16 to Sept. 15 – ODE

- On Aug. 16, districts will receive a survey link to indicate the decision to administer either the ACT or SAT to the class of 2019 as your state-funded college and career readiness test for the 2017-2018 school year

Two Additional Graduation Options Available for the Class of 2018 Only – ODE

- Students in the class of 2018 who entered grade 9 after July 1, 2014, are the first to earn diplomas under the new graduation requirements. In addition to satisfying the high school curriculum requirements, students in Ohio must meet one of three existing pathways to earn a high school diploma. Information about the three pathways to graduation can be found [here](#)

Ten Things You Need to Know about Educator Evaluation for 2017-18 – ODE

Teacher Evaluation Interactive Worksheet 2017-18 – ODE

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Education-Poverty Task Force Kicks Off Meetings – Hannah

- Members got an overview of the data on income and academic achievement and discussed where to focus further discussions Thursday at the first meeting of the Speaker's Task Force on Education and Poverty

New 'Dashboard' Uses Data to Measure Ohio's Workforce Development System – Hannah

- The Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation has launched Ohio's Workforce Success Measures Dashboard, a new interactive tool to allow Ohio's policymakers to measure the success of Ohio's largest workforce development programs

AG Awards More than \$2.7 Million for Drug Prevention Education – Hannah

- The Ohio Attorney General's (AG) Office announced more than \$2.7 million in grant funding Wednesday to law enforcement agencies across the state for drug use prevention education programs in public schools

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Federal & US Department of Education

Trump Education Department Changes Process for ESSA Feedback – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and her team have gotten big blowback for their responses to states on their plans for implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act. State officials and even some of DeVos' GOP allies in Congress have said the department is being nit-picky, inconsistent, and going beyond the bounds of ESSA, which sought to rein in the federal policy footprint

Education Department Clarifies ESSA Rules on School Improvement Evidence – EdWeek

- The U.S. Education Department hopes to get more states, districts, and researchers thinking about evidence use more deeply with new rules to apply standards of research evidence for school improvement and other projects under the Every Student Succeeds Act. In a Federal Register notice published Monday morning, the department lays out the new requirements for direct grants under the Education Department General Administrative Regulations, or EDGAR, to bring them in line with the tiered standards for evidence that are outlined in ESSA

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Education Policy & Finance

Quality Education for All...One School at a Time – NAACP Task Force on Quality Education

- The Task Force's mission was to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on policy and actions needed to improve the quality of education for all children of color being educated with public funds and to ensure the sustainability of an effective public education system for all children

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Teacher Effectiveness

In Minnesota – and School Districts across the Country – Last In, First Out No Longer the Rule for Teacher Layoffs – The 74

- Although a precise count doesn't exist of how many districts nationwide rely on LIFO, the landscape in recent years has undergone a "significant shift" toward layoff decisions based on teacher performance, said Sarah Heaton, managing director of district policy and practice at the National Council on Teacher Quality, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that advocates performance-based layoffs

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School Choice

Supplying Choice: An Analysis of School Participation in Voucher Programs in DC, Indiana, and Louisiana – Education Research Alliance for New Orleans/School Choice Demonstration Project

- We examine the impacts of private school regulations on the supply-side of voucher programs in D.C., Indiana, and Louisiana. Private schools value their autonomy. Therefore, we expect that regulatory burden will be negatively associated with the quality of schools that choose to participate in a choice program. Independent private schools that accept substantial regulation from the state are likely to be financially distressed and more willing to change their educational model in exchange for access to voucher-funded students

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Charter Schools

When Charter Schools Open, Neighboring Schools Get Better: A New Study Finds 7 Reasons – The 74

- New research from Temple University assistant professor Sarah Cordes finds that at least in New York City, the arrival of a charter school has a positive effect on students in the traditional school already located in the building

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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Achievement Gaps

Some Schools Much Better than Others at Closing Achievement Gaps Between Their Advantaged and Disadvantaged Students – Brookings

- Recent research demonstrates that the test score gap between relatively advantaged and relatively disadvantaged students is much higher in some school districts than it is in other districts. But measured school quality often varies dramatically within a school district, and therefore it is important to know whether individual schools differ in the relative success of advantaged and disadvantaged students. We make use of detailed, linked birth and school records in Florida to investigate the degree to which this is true

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Mental Health & Wellness

Students Say They Don't Know Where to Turn for Mental Health Services – EducationDIVE

- While young adults place a pronounced value on their mental health, many of them do not know how to access resources that can increase their ability to deal with stress, anxiety and other mental health issues, according to a new survey

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Paper Thin? Why All High School Diplomas Are Not Created Equal – Alliance for Excellent Education

- Of the nearly 100 different types of high school diplomas that are awarded across all fifty states and the District of Columbia, less than half prepare students for success in college and career. And while the national high school graduation rate is at an all-time high, the rate at which students earn these college- and career-ready (CCR) diplomas is substantially lower, especially among students from low-income families, students of color, and other traditionally underserved students. The report provides a state-by-state analysis of the different types of diplomas that states awarded to the Class of 2014 and the impact on traditionally underserved students

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Postsecondary

Survey of Non-College Credentials – Inside Higher Ed

- A new report seeks to describe the landscape of non-degree postsecondary training, with a focus on five categories: certificate programs, work-based training (such as apprenticeships), skills-based short programs (coding boot camps), massive open online courses and other online microcredentials, and competency-based education programs

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those

persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent

public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an

election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of

immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee


SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment
STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals
STATUS: Introduced

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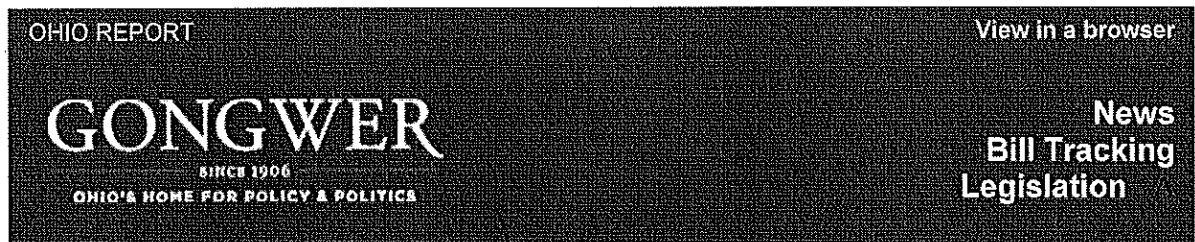
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House Activity for Monday, August 7, 2017

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HB 315 ■ **DAY DESIGNATION (Arndt, S.)** To designate October 6 as "S.M.A.R.T. Parent Day." En. 5.257

HB 316 ■ **PICNIC AREA NAMING (Arndt, S., Stein, D.)** To designate a picnic area in Kelleys Island State Park as the "Henry T. Beatty Memorial Picnic Area." Am. 1546.30

HB 317 ■ **TAX DEDUCTION (Young, R.)** To authorize, for six years, a personal income tax deduction for a physician based on the number of hours the physician provides uncompensated medical services through a hospital, free clinic, or nongovernmental medical organization. Am. 5747.01 and to enact section 5747.014

HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Finance: Remove Representative Faber

Finance Subcommittee on State Government and Agency Review: Remove Representative Faber.

Public Utilities: Remove Representative Faber; appoint Representative Stein

Aging and Long Term Care: Appoint Representative Brown.

Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security: Appoint Representative Brown.

Civil Justice: Remove Representative Sykes; appoint Representative Brown.

State and Local Government: Appoint Representative Brown.

Power Siting Board: Remove Representative Hagan; appoint Representative Carfagna

New African Immigrants Commission: Kefa Otiso and Beatrice Miringu

Ohio Public Works Commission: Dean Ringle

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, August 8

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

Board of Building Appeals, ODOT District Three Office, 906 Clark Ave., Ashland, 8:30 a.m.

Third Frontier Commission, Rev1 Ventures, 1275 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, 10 a.m.

House Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia, Netzley Room, Statehouse, Columbus, 1 p.m.

Event Planner

National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit, Boston

Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) and Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) fundraiser, Mike and Samantha Hartley residence, 403 South Court Street, Circleville, 6 p.m.,

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Collective Bargaining Consultant Contract Gets Controlling Board Approval

Controlling Board members on Monday approved a new contract for a Columbus law firm to do consulting work on collective bargaining issues after lawmakers asked about the job and procurement process for the contract.

Without objection, the board approved the \$480,000 contract between the Department of Administrative Services and Baker Hostetler, LLP. The firm will provide labor relations and collective bargaining consulting and negotiation services.

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) asked if the state was developing the internal capacity to handle labor issues and contracts without having to pay outside help.

Jennifer Leymaster, chief financial officer for DAS, said negotiations for large contracts often require outside assistance.

"It is customary for us to seek outside consulting services when doing the negotiation for these major contracts, as I believe is customary for organizations of our size," she said.

Kristen Rankin, deputy director for the DAS Office of Collective Bargaining, said the work fluctuates year-to-year as different contracts come up for renewal.

She said the state has been working with Baker Hostetler since 2014 and the firm has a good understanding of the state's labor relations.

Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) asked about the increase in the value of the contract this year, up from about \$300,000 last year.

Ms. Rankin said the state is entering negotiations with its largest union this year, meaning there will be more work ahead.

The board also approved several contracts from the treasurer's office after Sen. Tavares asked for the reasoning behind waiving competitive selection.

Deputy Treasurer Seth Metcalf said all of the items were continuations of ongoing projects. In one case, the office did receive another bid, but it was significantly higher than the bid by the existing contract. That project involves custom-built software designed by the current contractor.

"We suspect that the additional bid was very high because the learning curve for a new provider would have been significant," he said.

The board approved a request for more than \$8.3 million over two years from DAS for a contract for postage funds. Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) asked if other firms, such as Stamps.com, might be able to offer the state better rates.

Ms. Leymaster said firms like Stamps.com might not be able to handle the volume of mail the state sends out, but that DAS would look into it.

The board accepted a transfer of \$2.2 million from the Emergency Management Agency into its emergency fund, repaying the final payment of the money used to reimburse states that sent law enforcement to help at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland last year. The EMA said it has received reimbursement from Cleveland for all of the 18 states that assisted.

A request for \$605,961 from the Department of Developmental Disabilities to improve the fire alarm system at Cambridge Developmental Center was deferred.

Other items approved by the board included: (Agenda)

- \$534,000 - Central State University - for a library structural repair and modernization project.
- \$3.2 million - Clark State Community College - for renovation of Rhodes Hall.
- \$2.4 million - Columbus State Community College - for the Culinary and Hospitality School building project.
- \$226,275 - Department of Health - to purchase cystic fibrosis test kits.
- \$374,400 - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - for a contract for forensic psychiatric services at Summit Behavioral Healthcare in Cincinnati.
- \$1.2 million - Department of Developmental Disabilities - to contract with various providers for early intervention hearing services for children.
- \$1.1 million - Department of Natural Resources - for a contract amendment to provide construction administration and material testing at Buckeye Lake Dam.
- \$5.3 million - ODNR - to contract for improvements at a variety of state parks.
- \$749,510 - Department of Rehabilitation and Correction - to replace the roof at the Corrections Training Academy in Orient.
- \$53.6 million - Department of Transportation - for contracts with 52 consulting firms for a variety of services.

- \$212,154 - Bureau of Workers' Compensation - to renew a contract for IT services analyzing business processes.

Seitz Plans To Push For Passage Of Death Penalty Exemption Bill This Fall

The sponsor of a bill to exempt the seriously mentally ill from the death penalty expects the measure to move in the fall.

The legislation (HB 81⁰⁰) would exempt from the death penalty those diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder or delusional disorder at the time a capital offense was committed.



Bill Seitz

"I'm raring and ready to go as soon as we get back to try and move this forward in the House," sponsoring Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said in an interview.

The bill has had three hearings in the House Criminal Justice Committee. Rep. Seitz said he was ready to move the measure prior to lawmakers leaving town for summer vacations, but he was told to hold off.

"We were really ready to go at the end of session back a month ago, but they wanted to keep controversial things off the radar screen as we focused all of our attention on the conference committee process and budget overrides and things like that," he said.

Chairman Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) expressed uncertainty about the fate of the bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 4, 2017)

But Rep. Seitz said he is confident about the bill's prospects in the upper chamber.

"All I can tell Senator Bacon is that when I had the bill the last time in that chamber, there were 31 of 33 senators ready to vote for it. Maybe he hasn't started counting noses yet," he said, adding that the two opponents of the last version of the bill are now serving in the House.

The bill has run into stiff opposition from the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Executive Director John Murphy has said that current law already provides those suffering from mental illness with the opportunity to be deemed incompetent to stand trial or mount a not guilty by reasons of insanity defense. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 6, 2017)

Despite the opposition, Rep. Seitz does not believe the OPAA will be able to sink the bill.

"It's got an awful lot of support and the only people that have come out against it are the prosecutors and their reasoning doesn't satisfy me," he said. "They were opposed to it the last time on the same basis."

Given the state's recent resumption of the death penalty, Rep. Seitz believes the bill will gain even more traction. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 26, 2017)

"I think with all the recent furor over the resumption of executions in Ohio people ought to at least recognize this for progress in terms of narrowing the range of cases in which the death penalty may be imposed," he said.

The legislation is based off of one of several recommendations made by the Ohio Supreme Court's Joint Task Force to Review the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty.

"The bottom line is this was a central recommendation of the death penalty task force," Rep. Seitz said.

Supporters Hope Palliative Care Measure Gains Traction After Recess

Legislation first offered last year and introduced again in June intends to increase awareness and access to palliative care for patients with serious health conditions.

The bill (HB 286), sponsored by Rep. Sarah LaTourette (R-Chagrin Falls), would establish a state council to oversee palliative care and create programs to raise awareness and utilization of the approach.



Rep. LaTourette

It's a personal issue for the sponsor. Her father, former U.S. Rep. Steve LaTourette, received palliative care before his death last year from pancreatic cancer. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 7, 2017)

"I saw the dramatic difference that access to early palliative care had on his life and our lives," Rep. LaTourette said in an interview. "I want everybody in the state to be aware that palliative care is not just hospice care."

Rep. LaTourette first introduced the measure (HB603, 131st General Assembly) toward the end of the last General Assembly. It received a hearing before the House Health and Aging Committee. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 26, 2016)

The new version of the bill retains almost all of that proposal's components but does not include provisions that would levy fees or fines on hospitals that don't comply, she said. That has eased some concerns from industry groups, she said.

The move toward expanding the reach of palliative care is a priority for advocacy groups such as the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, who included the practice on their annual report card for state cancer policies. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 4, 2017)

Jeff Stephens, ACS CAN's state government relations director for Ohio, said the group is also working on similar legislation at the federal level.

"It's a form of treatment that's been proven to increase health outcomes at a reduced overall health care cost. It works," he said.

The bill would create an interdisciplinary advisory council at the Department of Health and create a set of criteria to identify patients who are best suited to the care approach.

"We do a pretty OK job of offering it in Ohio but we need to build the pipeline of professionals who are coming into to this treatment and we need to educate patients about what palliative care is," he said.

Mr. Stephens said it's important for providers to consider how different palliative care can look in different parts of the state. While it typically includes the treating doctor, a pharmacist, social workers, spiritual leaders and others who surround the patient with support, that team could look different in rural areas than it would in cities with access to wide varieties of professionals.

"We're all very hopeful there's going to be movement on that this fall," he said.

The proposal hasn't yet been assigned to a committee, but Rep. LaTourette said it will probably go through the House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee.

"My hope is that shortly after we come back for the fall that we start moving quickly," she said.

Long-Awaited Federal Study To Protect Great Lakes From Asian Carp Released

A long-delayed federal plan to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes was released Monday after months of prodding from congressional delegates in Ohio and other states.

The report from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spells out \$275 million in proposals to upgrade the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Illinois in order to shield the lakes from the invasive species.

Ideas in the report include electric barriers, flushing locks, water jets, and complex noise generation. If approved, the project has an estimated completion date of 2025, according to the report. Critics have argued the plan could impede commercial traffic in the region.

The 488-page report was originally slated for release in February, but was delayed by the Trump Administration. Democrats have contended that the decision to delay the report was political in nature. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 1, 2017)

"It is encouraging to see that the U.S. Army Corps' recommendations include serious measures to deal with this invasive species," U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) said in a statement. "Now that we have real information on costs we can move on and receive input from stakeholders, whose livelihoods depend on us keeping the Asian carp out of the Lakes."

Both she and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) earlier this year introduced standalone legislation that would have forced the Trump Administration to make the study public. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 23, 2017)

"We are now one step closer to taking action to protect our Great Lakes from Asian carp," Sen. Brown said, "and I look forward to working with Sen. Portman and my other

Great Lakes colleagues to turn this report into concrete actions that will benefit our Lakes."

The discovery of an Asian carp in June just nine miles from Lake Michigan added new urgency to the matter. It also prompted state officials to enter the fray, with Attorney General Mike DeWine writing late last month to the Department of the Army and saying the delay "in the face of this immediate threat is unacceptable." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 30, 2017)

There will now be a 45-day public review period for the draft report, ending Sept. 21. Comments will be accepted online, by letter and at public meetings yet to be scheduled.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) said the lakes and the local economies they support must be protected.

"The Great Lakes support a \$7 billion fishing industry and Lake Erie contributes more than \$10 billion to Ohio's tourism industry, both of which would be jeopardized if Asian Carp were allowed into the Great Lakes," he said. "It is important that the Corps remain on schedule to finalize the plan by January of 2019, and I look forward to working with stakeholders and the Corps to do just that."

Environmental groups praised the release, with the Alliance for the Great Lakes, the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council and several other groups issuing a joint statement.

"We look forward to reviewing the findings in detail and to continuing the conversation on this critical issue with elected officials and concerned citizens during the public comment period," the groups said. "The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must listen carefully to public input on the study and then move quickly from study to implementation of additional protection measures at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam, a logical choke point in the system."

The Ohio Conservation Federation and its counterparts from Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin issued a similar joint statement.

"After months of unnecessary delay, we are excited that the potential options for improving defenses against Asian carp at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam will see the light of day," they said. "There is still much work yet to be done in this process. We look forward to working towards securing stronger protections to keep Asian carp out of our Great Lakes."

Environmental Groups Question Rover Excuses For Fuel In Wetland Spills

The company behind the Rover Pipeline project told federal regulators it believes it's possible traces of diesel fuel found in wetland spills earlier this year were planted by "malicious" opponents.

But environmental groups say the company is attempting to divert attention from Rover's actions and that increased security around the spill sites - by both the company and state regulators who were investigating the spills - renders the idea of sabotage "farfetched."

It's the latest back and forth between Rover Pipeline LLC, its parent Energy Transfer Partners, and advocates urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to halt construction of the 700-mile pipeline that has been at the center of controversy for months.

In its most recent filing (PDF) before FERC, the company for the first time agreed with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's assessment that diesel fuel was present in millions of gallons of drilling mud spilled into Ohio wetlands at several sites earlier this year. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 2, 2017)

But Rover stopped short of accepting the blame, saying it "has no evidence that the diesel was the result of a spill or failed containment" experienced during its horizontal drilling and construction activity.

"This data alone, however, does not demonstrate that diesel fluid (or other petroleum hydrocarbons) entered the slurry as part of the HDD process or that there was a widespread impact," the company wrote.

"Rover theorizes that these diesel concentrations could have been caused by an inadvertent and unreported spill or leak from equipment operating during the clean-up...or it could have been the deliberate or malicious act of individuals opposed to the project," the company continued. "Given the extensive inspection and oversight at this and other sites along the project, it is difficult to imagine that this occurred from an unreported spill or leak."

Cheryl Johncox of the Sierra Club's Beyond Dirty Fuels Campaign rejected that claim. She said in an interview that OEPA testing revealed fuel traces at several different sites.

"It's very unlikely somebody trying to sabotage the project would know where those sampling locations were," she said. "The other thing of note is this occurred on private property...(and) they were very actively patrolling that spill site and keeping people off. It's very unlikely somebody was able to access that area in order to sabotage the project."

Heather Taylor-Miesle, executive director of the Ohio Environmental Council, said the company's claims are the latest demonstration of the company's "lack of respect for Ohioans and our environment."

"Claiming they were sabotaged or framed without any evidence whatsoever is merely another attempt for Rover to deflect blame and avoid owning up to the consequences of their actions," she said. "We are taught in kindergarten to clean up after ourselves, and Rover should remember this important childhood lesson."

Regardless of how the fuel entered the slurry, the company said it is "deeply troubled by any of these potential scenarios and has taken steps to address these possible sources."

Those steps include reiterating to employees and contractors that all construction must adhere to the FERC certificate and other spill prevention and response procedures. Additionally, it will remind workers that secondary containment must be used for equipment working in or near wetlands and bodies of water and prompt notification is required for spills of hazardous materials.

In the event an outside agent introduced fuel to the situation, the company said it has increased security to oversee the Tuscarawas site and has "increased scrutiny of all personnel entering and leaving all HDD sites."

The filing comes one week after Kelcy Warren, CEO of Energy Transfer Partners, which is Rover's parent company, told federal lawmakers he was "baffled" by criticism of the company and allegations of rule violations from regulators and congressional Democrats following the spills.

Tavares Bill Aimed At Gender Pay Gap; Schiavoni Targets Charter Overpayments; Renacci, Pillich Announce Endorsements...

Equal pay and charter school funding are the subjects of hot-button measures recently introduced by two Democratic lawmakers.

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) is behind legislation (SB 174) she dubbed the "Fair and Acceptable Income Required Act."

"It is shameful that in this day and age women in Ohio make only 78 cents for every dollar made by a man. Without question, equal work deserves equal pay," she said in a release announcing the bill. "At a time when women are increasingly responsible for the economic security of their families, it is absolutely critical to ensure that they earn a wage commensurate with their work - and on par with a man's."

The bill would require employers to substantiate pay differences, prohibit retaliation against workers who discuss salaries with colleagues and bar wage discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"While the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 improved some laws that govern pay discrimination, more must be done to close the wage gap and increase the economic security of women," Sen. Tavares said. "Fair pay would help close the wage gap and increase women's economic security."

Charter Overpayments: A gubernatorial candidate meanwhile is touting a measure to require all money recovered from overpayments to charter schools to be returned to district from which it was deducted. It comes on the heels of the state's plans to claw back funding from the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow over inflated enrollment data.

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) said his legislation is expected to be introduced this week.

"Ohio schools are struggling to manage after several years of cuts to their funding. It's only right that the state should return all money taken from these schools in error," he said. "This bill is simple: it creates a uniform rule that all money overpaid to charter schools is sent back to the affected school districts."

Endorsements Announced: Other gubernatorial candidates continue to rack up endorsements.

U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Alliance) announced the backing of Julie Prince in his bid to replace Gov. John Kasich. She directed Ohio operations and grassroots for Ted Cruz's 2016 presidential campaign.

"In the 2018 gubernatorial race, there is one clear choice for conservatives across Ohio, and that choice is Jim Renacci. Time and again Jim has demonstrated his unyielding commitment to the conservative reforms we need, but which entrenched Columbus insiders have failed to deliver," she said. "Jim is not afraid to take on the establishment or the career politicians who continue to pay lip service to conservatism while perpetuating the status quo."

Added Rep. Renacci: "In her position as the Grassroots and Operations Director for Ted Cruz's presidential campaign in Ohio, Julie played an instrumental role in advancing the causes of conservatism and liberty - not just for our state, but for our nation as a whole. I am proud to serve as a voice for conservatives across Ohio in this critically important election, and I am committed to delivering the conservative agenda and reforms we so badly need as our state's next governor."

Meanwhile, former Rep. Connie Pillich announced that she has the support of the Cincinnati Building Trades in her Democratic primary contest.

"Connie Pillich is the proven fighter we need as our next governor. Born in the shadow of a steel mill, Connie knows what we face every day," Cincinnati Building Trades Executive Secretary Fred Lampe said. "She has an unrivaled record of standing up for working families, higher wages, and working to create good jobs. Connie has proven herself as the Democratic frontrunner in the race for governor and the Cincinnati Building Trades is proud to have her back."

Added Ms. Pillich: "I'm proud to be endorsed by the Cincinnati Building Trades because I'll never stop fighting for working families, good jobs, and better wages for workers. With the wind at our backs, our people-powered campaign is building more momentum everyday as we work to take Columbus back from the special interests."

Husted Appointment: Secretary of State Jon Husted announced the appointment of Marcella R. Bogenrife to the Madison County Board of Elections.

She was recommended for the post by the Madison County Republican Party Executive Committee.

Casino, Racino Revenue Up Big In July

The state's four casinos showed significant gains in revenue last month compared to June, and the racinos also saw a big uptick in what they took home.

The casinos brought in \$69.9 million in July, up from \$64.1 million the prior month and from \$66.1 million in July 2016, according to revenue reports released Monday by the Casino Control Commission.

Video lottery terminal revenue at the seven racinos totaled \$84.5 million for the first month of the fiscal year, up nearly \$6.5 million from where it was in June, the Ohio Lottery Commission reported.

Hollywood Columbus brought in the most money among casinos at \$18.9 million. That was up from \$17.7 million in June and just a bit above the \$18.6 million it brought in the previous July. The casino was highly dependent on slot machine revenue, with that accounting for \$13.5 million.

Hollywood Toledo also saw a big boost, rising to \$17.6 million from \$16.1 million the prior month. It was up more than \$1 million from \$16.5 million in July 2016. Like its sister casino in Columbus, the Toledo location leaned heavily on slot machines, to the tune of \$14.8 million.

JACK Cleveland raked in \$16.9 million, up from \$15 million in June and \$15.5 million the previous July. The casino was the most balanced between slots and table games, with slots accounting for \$9.1 million and table games \$7.7 million.

JACK Cincinnati brought in \$16.7 million, up from \$15.4 million both in June and in July 2016. Slot machines accounted for \$10.7 million of the casino's take.

Racinos: Among the state's racinos, Hard Rock Racino-Northfield Park saw the largest gain from June to July, up \$2.7 million to \$22.3 million in revenue from VLT machines.

Scioto Downs was the second-biggest gainer, up \$1.25 million to \$14.25 million in July.

Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway was up \$643,130 to \$8.3 million, while JACK Thistledown was up \$605,814 to \$10.1 million.

Belterra Park's revenue was up \$529,680 over June's at \$7.4 million. Revenue at Miami Valley Gaming was up \$428,657 to \$12.4 million, and Hollywood Gaming Mahoning Valley Race Course gained \$300,155 to \$9.8 million.

Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated

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Supplemental Agency Calendar

Wednesday, August 9

State Emergency Response Commission, 2855 West Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, 1:15 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Monday, August 21

OHROC Lake Erie Boat Cruise and Reception with Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), Rep. Steve Arndt (R-Port Clinton), and Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Fremont), Catawba Island Club, 4235 E. Beach Club Road, Port Clinton, 5:30 p.m., (5:30pm Arrive at Catawba Island Club; 6:00pm Depart on Burger Yacht "Gemini"; 8:00pm Reception. Sponsor: \$5,000; Host: \$2,500; Patron: \$1,000; Guest: \$500 to OHROC)

Sunday, August 27

Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) shooting fundraiser, Nagle Trucking, 4520 Moline-Martin Road, Walbridge, 1:30 p.m., (Expert: \$250; Sharpshooter: \$100 to Citizens for Gavarone)

Wednesday, September 13

Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield) fundraiser, Little Palace, 240 S. 4th Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Romanchuk for State Rep)

Friday, September 15

Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima) golf outing fundraiser, Tamarac Golf Course, 500 N. Stevick Road, Lima, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$1,000; Tee Sponsor: \$500; Foursome: \$400; Green Sponsor: \$350; Lunch Sponsor: \$250; Individual Golfer: \$125 to Cupp for State Representative Committee)

Wednesday, October 11

Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to Committee to Elect Cliff Rosenberger)

Wednesday, November 1

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel and/or Kristina Daley Roegner for Ohio)

Wednesday, November 29

Ohio House Republican Organizing Committee fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to OHROC)

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Senate Activity for Monday, August 7, 2017

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SB 175 ■ **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Schiavoni, J.)** Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school. Am. 3314.52

SB 176 ■ **MUNICIPAL TAXES (Jordan, K.)** To prohibit municipal corporations from levying an income tax on nonresidents' compensation for personal services or on net profits from a sole proprietorship owned by a nonresident. Am. 709.023, 718.01, 718.02, 718.03, 718.04, 718.05, and 718.16 and to repeal sections 718.011 and 718.50

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation: Appoint Senator Joe Uecker and Senator Sean O'Brien

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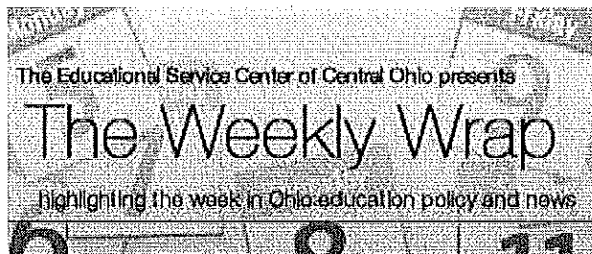
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Central Ohio Schools

Nov. 7 General Election Ballot Issues by County in Central Ohio – Columbus Dispatch

- Here is a list by county of issues that will be on Nov. 7 general election ballots in central Ohio. Annual cost to homeowners is per \$100,000 of home value; amounts raised are annual unless noted otherwise

Delaware County: Voters to See Numerous Candidates, Issues – This Week

- Delaware County voters have plenty of candidates and issues to study up on ahead of the Nov. 7 general election

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

New Superintendent Identifying Goals – This Week

- Having officially started as the new Bexley City School District superintendent Aug. 1, Kimberly Miller said her priorities include starting work on a strategic plan for district-wide continuous improvement and establishing strong working relationships with school board members, faculty and staff

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

Talks about Countywide STEM Academy Begin – Chillicothe Gazette

- It might be a long way away, but there appears to be significant interest in a proposal to create a countywide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Academy to better prepare local students for a high-tech future

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Good Retiring from CCS at Year's End – This Week

- Just 13 days before the start of the school year, Superintendent Dan Good announced his retirement from Columbus City Schools

Columbus Superintendent Dan Good Announces Retirement – Columbus Dispatch

- Columbus City Schools Superintendent Dan Good will retire in December, setting in motion a search for his replacement to lead Ohio's largest school district

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

County Buys DACC North Campus – Sunbury News

- Delaware County Commissioners approved a contract to purchase the Delaware Area Career Center North Campus for \$1.7 million

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

DCS Board Approves Sale of Buses and Staffing Changes – Delaware Gazette

- The DCS Board of Education voted to place two school buses up for sale during its meeting on Monday at the Willis Education Center. The board also approved a number of staffing changes

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

#DCSDay1 Points to Doctrine behind Dublin Difference – This Week from the Superintendent's Desk

- Todd Hoadley, superintendent of Dublin City Schools, writes that again this year, you will hear and read about the Dublin Difference, which is more than a slogan or a hashtag

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Students Will See New Faces, Equipment when School Starts – This Week

- Superintendent Steve Barrett said putting Chromebook laptops in the hands of almost every student makes the 2017-18 academic year especially exciting

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

ALICE Opens Doors for Schools under Attack – This Week

- As the Grandview Heights City School District prepares for the start of a new year Wednesday, Aug. 16, district staff are being taught how to protect students in case an active shooter enters a building

Facilities Plans Beginning to Crystallize – This Week

- Months of meetings with the public, gallons of coffee consumed and countless opinions considered have led the Grandview Heights City School District to a decision on the future of its buildings

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

New Principals Will Lead Middle, High Schools – This Week

- Students at Groveport Madison High School and Middle School North will see new people in the schools' top administrative posts when they return to class for the 2017-18 school year

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Both Local School Districts Prepare to Sell Bonds for Upcoming Building Projects – Newark Advocate

- Both Licking Heights and Southwest Licking schools are preparing to sell bonds to fund separate construction projects

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

New Albany-Plain Local Will Seek PI Levy in November – This Week

- New Albany-Plain Local School District leaders will move forward with a 1.25-mill, five-year permanent-improvements levy on the November ballot

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Open House: Brown Gets 'Warm Welcome' – This Week

- Residents and district employees turned out Aug. 4 to greet new Reynoldsburg schools Superintendent Melvin Brown during an event that one board member described as a "packed house"

New Teachers Contract OK'd on 4-1 Vote – This Week

- The Reynoldsburg Board of Education voted 4-1 Aug. 4 to approve a new contract with district teachers, with dissenting board member Elaine Towner calling it "a gift basket to the union and no one else"

Reynoldsburg Schools and Teachers Reach Contract Agreement – Columbus Messenger

- In 2014, contract negotiations between the Reynoldsburg Education Association and the Reynoldsburg Board of Education were marked by a nearly two-week long strike that ended in mediation

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

Funds Keep DARE Officers in Schools – This Week

- The Grove City Division of Police is one of 130 law enforcement agencies such as sheriff's offices and police departments around the state that are receiving Drug Use Prevention Grant funds from the Ohio Attorney General's Office

TOLLES CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

Portman Hosts Discussion at Tolles – Madison Press

- United States Senator Rob Portman hosted a business and education roundtable on Friday, Aug. 4, at Tolles Career & Technical Center to draw attention to the future of career-technical and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and its importance in closing the state's skills gap

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Strategic Plan Continues to Guide District – This Week School Notes

- Paul Imhoff, superintendent of Upper Arlington City Schools, writes that in this third year of the plan, they continue our work toward the goals that will positively affect student performance, personalize education for each child, increase their district's efficiency and support their commitment to open and transparent service to their community

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

Lives Dedicated to Education – This Week

- For nearly six decades, public education has been a centerpiece in the life of Walter Armes. This year, the 78-year-old vice president of the Whitehall school board will step down after a quarter-century of service to the panel, capping a career in public education that began in 1960

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

New School Year Brings Focus Back to Future – This Week It's Worth It

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that in September, they will present a master facilities plan to the school board

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Charters Assigned to ODE Oversight under HB2 Ratings Provision – Hannah

- With recent action by the State Board of Education, the Ohio Department of Education picked up sponsorship of two more charter schools for the first time since state law changed to penalize low-rated sponsors with loss of their authority to oversee schools

2017-2018 Updated Third Grade Reading Guarantee Guidance and Promotion Score Set for 2017-2018 – ODE

- Updated guidance and resources now posted

ODE Announces State Board District Teachers of the Year – Hannah

- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria this week announced the 10 teachers who now have the title of 2018 Teacher of the Year for their State Board of Education districts, according to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The awards are part of the Ohio Teacher of the Year program

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

Keen: 'Budget Off to Good Start' – Hannah

- "We're off to a good start." So Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen told Hannah News Friday after the preliminary revenue figures came out for July -- the first month of the new biennium and the new revenue forecasts

State Budget Revenues Show Slight Improvement after Rough 2017 – Columbus Dispatch

- After a rough 2017, the first state financial report of the new fiscal year saw a mix of good and less-than-good numbers

Special Election Sees Mixed Results for Local Levies – Hannah

- Voters around Ohio saw 11 local issues on Tuesday's special election ballot, and they rejected more than half of them, according to unofficial election results

Senate Eyes Multiple Veto Overrides, Fracking Likely to Remain Off Public Lands – Columbus Dispatch

- When the Ohio Senate returns on Aug. 23, it's likely to be only the third time in 38 years that the legislature voted to successfully override a governor's veto

Obhof Expects to Take Up House Vetoes Aug. 23, Anticipates Overrides – Hannah

- Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said Thursday that he anticipates the chamber will take up some of the House veto overrides when the Senate is next in session on Wednesday, Aug. 23, but also that the chamber could wait to do so during September sessions

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Schiavoni Proposes Sending Charter Overpayments to Local Districts – Hannah

- Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) said Monday that he is introducing legislation ensuring all money recovered from overpayments to charter and online schools would go to local school districts

Yost Directs Overpaid Charters to Seek Refunds from Vendors – Hannah

- Charter schools subject to claw-back after being overpaid by the state could face further financial penalties if they don't seek a proportional reimbursement from their sponsors and management companies, Auditor of State Dave Yost said

HPIO Advocates for More Health Services in Schools – Hannah

- The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) offered an overview of health services provided in Ohio schools in a recently issued report that called for more health services across the board

Health Policy Brief: Health Services in Schools – Health Policy Institute of Ohio

- This brief focuses on how Ohio schools are providing health services to students and specific evidence-based policies and programs that have demonstrated both health and education benefits

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Ohio Postsecondary

Ohio Ranks Worst When It Comes to College Students in Debt – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohio ranks first — that is, the worst — in the country on an index that calculates the burden of student debt based on 10 measures of indebtedness and earning opportunities

Ohio Has Highest Student Debt of States and D.C., Study Finds – Hannah

- A report by personal finance site WalletHub found that Ohio leads the U.S. for the most student debt among all 50 states and the District of Columbia

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Ohio Reports

Report Indicates Increasing Diversity in National, Ohio Childbirth – Hannah

- A recent report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count Data Center shows changing trends in child health and well-being, as well as growing diversity in childbirth in Ohio and nationwide

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Federal & US Department of Education

What Happened to ESSA's Innovative Testing Pilot? – EdWeek

- We hardly hear anything about ESSA's "innovative assessment pilot" anymore, including from the U.S. Department of Education. That could change, however. The agency is considering next steps to open the pilot in the 2018-19 school year, a spokesman said

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Standards & Assessments

ACT for All: The Effect of Mandatory College Entrance Exams on Postsecondary Attainment and Choice – MIT Press Journals

- This paper examines the effects of requiring and paying for all public high school students to take a college entrance exam, a policy adopted by eleven states since 2001

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Teacher Effectiveness

Using Data to Ensure Teachers Are Learner Ready on Day One – Data Quality Campaign

- This report highlights how states can lead the way by making sure that the right information is available to those who need it and that leaders have the skills to use that information for continuous improvement, not just accountability

Retaining Minority Teachers in Schools Where Most of Their Colleagues Are White – Brookings

- In a new study, we strive to identify practices that are successful in retaining minority teachers, particularly in schools where they are underrepresented

On the Distribution of Worker Productivity: The Case of Teacher Effectiveness and Student Achievement – Statistics and Public Policy

- Our findings confirm the existing empirical evidence that the differences in the effects of individual teachers on student achievement are large and the assumption that the differences in the upper and lower tails of the teacher performance distribution are far larger than in the middle of the distribution

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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Achievement Gaps

Minority Children Missing Out on Speech and Language Services, Study Finds – EdWeek

- Black children, Hispanic children, and children who come from non-English speaking households are less likely to receive speech and language services in kindergarten than white children who are otherwise similar to them, says a new study published in the journal *Exceptional Children*

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

When It Comes to College, Only Half of America's High Schoolers Say They Feel Prepared, Survey Finds – The 74

- Only half of U.S. students think their high schools have prepared them with the knowledge and skills they need for college, according to recent survey data. Compiled by the nonprofit YouthTruth, the data reveal an uncertainty among high schoolers in how to become ready for college and careers

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40% of 2-Year College Grads Earn a Bachelor's – Inside Higher Ed

- That's among the findings from a new report by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, which is able to track almost all students who enroll in U.S. colleges

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Leadership

Characteristics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals in the United States: Results From the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey – USDOE/IES/NCES

- This First Look report provides descriptive statistics and basic information from the 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey Public School Principal Data File

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in

purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester
STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year
STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers
STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school
STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes
STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students
STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the

requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memorandum of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee -- Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee -- Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political

subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: Introduced

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: Introduced

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for

employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs

that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment
STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals
STATUS: Introduced

SB175 RECOVERED FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDIT (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school
STATUS: Introduced

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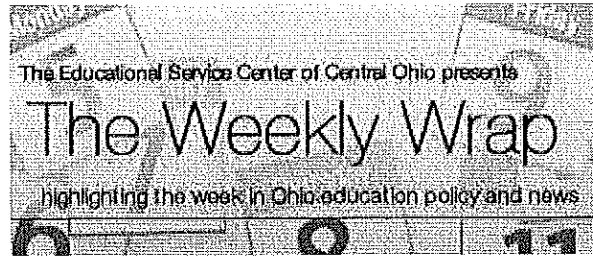
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- Delaware- and Sunbury-area voters will have lots of decisions to make in the fall, with several ballot issues to consider and plenty of candidates seeking local office

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Bexley Council, School Board Races Both Contested – This Week

- Voters in Bexley will see familiar names and a few new ones when they go to the polls this fall

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

As Retirement Nears, Good Focused on 2017-18 – This Week

- Students in Columbus City Schools will start the new year Aug. 23, just months before the superintendent plans to retire from the district

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Treasurer Search Narrowed to Two – This Week

- The candidates are Kristine Blind, treasurer of the London City Schools since 2011, and Felicia Drummey, treasurer of the Coshocton City Schools since 2014

Gahanna, Township Voters to See Races, Issues on Ballot – This Week

- Voters in Gahanna and the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools will see numerous candidate options when they go to the polls this fall

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

Hilliard Students Return to Class Aug. 21 – This Week

- Approximately 16,500 students will return to classrooms Monday, Aug. 21, at Hilliard's 14 elementary schools, two sixth-grade buildings, three middle schools, three high schools, one preschool and the McVey Innovative Learning Center

'Balance' Should Stabilize Students, District Leaders – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that as they prepare for the beginning of another school year, their students have a myriad of opportunities for extended learning outside of the classroom

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Many Licking County Schools See Increases in State Aid – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools and Southwest Licking Local Schools are receiving 11.8 percent and 7.1 percent more respectively by fiscal year 2019

Facebook Shares Plans for \$750 Million Data Center in Licking County – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local School District will receive an estimated \$500,000 annually during the tax abatement period, according to the city of New Albany

Support Exists for Preserving Former Jersey Elementary School – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools asked residents what they wanted to see become of the former Jersey Elementary School

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

MHS' New AD Getting Involved in Stadium Projects – This Week

- Marysville High School's new athletics director is taking on a few big projects — \$8.9 million worth

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Most Students Return to Classes Aug. 17 – This Week

- When most New Albany-Plain Local School District students resume classes, Thursday, Aug. 17, they will return to a campus that has been changed significantly

'When,' Not 'If' Spurred Levy Call – This Week

- With no one except current officeholders filing petitions to run in three local-government races, the New Albany-Plain Local School District's funding request on the November ballot should take center stage for local voters

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Northridge Voters Have Ballot Decisions – This Week

- Voters in the Northridge Local Schools and Monroe Township will see numerous candidate options, along with an income-tax and bond issue, when they go to the polls this fall